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NRC to Discuss Cumulative Effects of Regulation, Risk Prioritization in Rockville Nov. 6

The Nuclear Regulatory Commission staff will hold a public meeting Nov. 6 in Rockville, Md., to discuss the agency's effort to account for the combined effect of multiple regulatory actions and an initiative to prioritize nuclear power plant activities based on potential risk reduction.

The Commission recently <u>directed</u> the staff to continue efforts aimed at ensuring the agency can "consider more completely the overall impacts of multiple regulatory actions on licensees and their ability to focus effectively on items of greatest safety import." The Commission also directed the staff to include opinions from those interested in the topic, write up any recommendations and report them to the Commission by March 2015. The Commission also <u>directed</u> the staff to propose ways that U.S. nuclear power plants could prioritize "the implementation of regulatory actions as an integrated set and in a way that reflects their risk significance on a plant-specific basis."

The meeting will be held in Room 8A28 of the NRC's Three White Flint building at 11601 Landsdown St. in Rockville from 8 a.m.-1 p.m. The meeting will cover the staff's latest efforts on both issues, as well as an industry proposal on risk prioritization. The staff expects industry and public interest groups to comment on both topics and the public is invited to take part in the discussion.

Seating will be limited at the meeting, which will include teleconference and webinar access. For details, contact Tim Reed at 301-415-1462 or <u>timothy.reed@nrc.gov</u> by Oct. 31 to ensure enough resources are available.